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PRESS RELEASE

INDICTMENTS RETURNED AGAINST FRANK GARCIA, JR. AND EUSTACIA GARCIA

June 21, 2001: San Antonio, Texas:

Today a Bexar County Grand Jury returned indictments against Frank Garcia, Jr., for the offense of capital murder against Officer Hector Garza and capital murder for the death of Jessica Garcia his wife. The offense date was March 29th, 2001. Indictments were also returned against him for Attempted Murder against John Luna, Rosario Luna and Sylvia Duran.

District Attorney Susan Reed also sought indictment of Eustacia Garcia, the mother of Frank Garcia Jr., for the offense of Manslaughter arising out of the death of her daughter-in-law Jessica Garcia. The Grand Jury has returned that indictment. This is also the same event that led to the death of San Antonio Police Officer Hector Garza.

Investigators for District Attorney Susan Reed have taken Mrs. Garcia into custody on the warrant issued after the Grand Jury indictment. She will be booked into jail through the magistration process.

The indictment against Eustacia Garcia alleges she recklessly caused the death of her daughter-in-law Jessica Garcia when she alerted her son, whom she knew to be violent and abusive, to Jessica's attempt to leave the domestic violence situation in which she was living.

A person acts recklessly, or is reckless, with respect to circumstances surrounding his conduct or the result of his conduct when he is aware of but consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the circumstances exist or the result will occur. The risk must be of such a nature and degree that its disregard constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that an ordinary person would exercise under all the circumstances, as viewed from the actor's standpoint.

A person who recklessly causes the death of another may be charged under Penal Code 19.04 with Manslaughter. It is a second-degree felony carrying a range of punishment of 2-20 years and a possible fine not to exceed \$10,000. A person who recklessly causes another serious bodily injury may also be charged with Aggravated Assault as a second-degree felony carrying the same range of punishment as Manslaughter.